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SUBJECT: COMPRESSORS FOR ORENBURG GAS PIPELINE

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1. UK EMBASSY COMMERCIAL OFFICER INFORMED COMMATT JUNE 6 THAT SOVIET FOREIGN TRADE ORGANIZATION MASHINOIMPORT HAD RECENTLY ADVISED ROLLS-ROYCE THAT SOVIETS INTENDED PLACE ORDER FOR COMPRESSORS STATIONS TO BE USED ON ORENBURG GAS PIPELINE WITH GENERAL ELECTRIC. MASHINOIMPORT OFFICIAL REPORTEDLY SAID THAT WHILE SOVIETS WERE VERY INTERESTED IN ROLLS-ROYCE PROPOSAL FOR STATIONS USING ROLLS-ROYCE "AVON" ENGINES AND COPPER-BESSEMER COMPRESSORS, THEY WERE NOT PREPARED TO TAKE CHANCE ON THIS NEW (FOR USSR) TECHNOLOGY ON GAS PIPELINE WHICH HAD TO BE IN OPERATION BY END OF 1978. HOWEVER, MASHINOIMPORT OFFICIAL ADVISED THAT COMPRESSORS DRIVEN BY "AVON" JET ENGINES WOULD BE PURCHASED FOR NEXT MAJOR GAS PIPELINE PROJECT, ASSUMING THAT THIS WAS STRICTLY INTERNAL, SOVIET UNDERTAKING.

2. UK COMMERCIAL OFFICER ALSO NOTED THAT SOVIETS CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THAT THEY PLAN PURCHASE COMPRESSOR STATIONS FOR ORENBURG GAS PIPELINE FOR CASH. HE SAID THAT LLOYDS BANK REP RECENTLY IN MOSCOW WAS INFORMED BY SOVIET BANKING OFFICIALS THAT CEMA INVESTMENT BANK WOULD SHORTLY BE IN EURODOLLARS
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